The opinion in support of the decision being entered today was <u>not</u> written for publication in a law journal and is <u>not</u> binding precedent of the Board.

## UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

## BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte SCOTT E. ANDERSEN and JAMES D. MASUCCI

Application 09/667,188

ORDER DISMISSING APPEAL

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Before FLEMING, <u>Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, HARKCOM, <u>Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge</u>, ADAMS, Administrative Patent Judge.

## Per curiam.

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On December 7, 2004, appellants filed a Notice of Appeal. On February 17, 2006, appellants filed a communication requesting express abandonment under 37 CFR §1.138(a) upon entry of the Amendment filed February 13, 2006. Appellants also noted that a continuation application was filed on February 13, 2006.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the appeal filed December 7, 2004, is dismissed.

Appeal No. 2006-0140 Application 09/667,188

The application is being returned to the examiner for further action as may be appropriate.

Michael R. Fleming, Chief Administrative Patent Judge

Gary V. Harkcom, Vice Chief Administrative Patent Judge

Donald E. Adams Administrative Patent Judge **BOARD OF PATENT** 

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